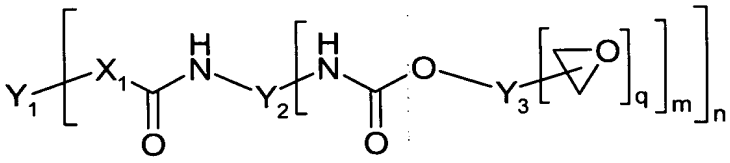
Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

at least one epoxide adduct **A** having on average more than one epoxide group per molecule;

at least one polymer **B** of the formula (I)



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in which:

X_1 is O, S or NH;

Y_1 is an n-valent radical of a reactive polymer after removal of the terminal amino, thiol or hydroxyl groups;

Y_2 is a divalent radical of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups or is a trivalent radical of trimers or biurets of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups;

Y_3 is a radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic epoxide containing a primary or secondary hydroxyl group after removal of the hydroxide and epoxide groups;

~~q is 1, 2 or 3;~~q is 2 or 3;

m is 1 or 2; and

n is 2, 3 or 4;

at least one thixotropic agent **C** based on a urea derivative in a non-diffusing carrier material; and

at least one hardening agent **D** for epoxy resins which is activated by elevated temperature.

2. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the epoxide adduct **A** is obtainable from the reaction of at least one dicarboxylic acid and at least one diglycidyl; or

of at least one bis(aminophenyl) sulfone isomer or of at least one aromatic alcohol and at least one diglycidyl ether.

3. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the dicarboxylic acid is a dimeric fatty acid~~, in particular at least one dimeric C_4-C_{20} fatty acid,~~ and the diglycidyl ether is bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, bisphenol F diglycidyl ether or bisphenol A/F diglycidyl ether.

4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the aromatic alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)methane, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfone, hydroquinone, resorcinol, pyrocatechol, naphthohydroquinone, napthoresorcinol, dihydroxy-naphthalene, dihydroxyanthraquinone, dihydroxybiphenyl, 3,3-bis(p-hydroxyphenyl)phthalides, 5,5-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)hexahydro-4,7-methanoindane and all isomers of the abovementioned compounds and the diglycidyl ether is bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, bisphenol F diglycidyl ~~ether or~~ether and bisphenol A/F diglycidyl ether.

5. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymer **B** is resilient.

6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymer **B** is soluble or dispersible in epoxy resins.

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, in formula (I), n is 2 or 3.

8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymer on which Y_1 in formula (I) is based is an α,ω-polyalkylene glycol having C_2-C_6-alkylene groups or having mixed C_2-C_6-alkylene groups which is terminated with amino, thiol or~~, preferably,~~ hydroxyl groups.

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymer on which Y_1 in formula (I) is based is an OH equivalent weight of 600 - 6000 g/OH equivalent~~, in particular of 700 – 2000 g/OH equivalent~~.

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein m is 1 and the diisocyanate on which Y_2 in formula (I) is based is ~~preferably~~ HDI, IPDI, MDI or TDI.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the proportion by weight of all polymers **B** of the formula (I) is from 5 to 40% by weight~~, preferably from 7 to 30% by weight,~~ based on the weight of the total composition.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the carrier material of the thixotropic agent **C** is a blocked polyurethane prepolymer.

13. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the urea derivative in the thixotropic agent **C** is the product of the reaction of an aromatic monomeric diisocyanate~~, in particular 4,4'-diphenylmethylene diisocyanate,~~ with an aliphatic amine compound~~, in particular butylamine~~.

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the proportion by weight of the thixotropic agent **C** is 5 - 40% by weight~~, preferably 10 - 25% % by weight,~~ based on the weight of the total composition.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the proportion of the urea derivative is 5 - 50% by weight~~, preferably 15 - 30% by weight,~~ based on the weight of the thixotropic agent **C**.

16. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the hardening agent **D** is a latent hardening agent selected from the group consisting of dicyandiamide, guanamines, guanidines and aminoguanidines.

17. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the total proportion of the hardening agent **D** is 1 - 10% by weight~~, preferably 2 - 8% by weight,~~ based on the weight of the total composition.

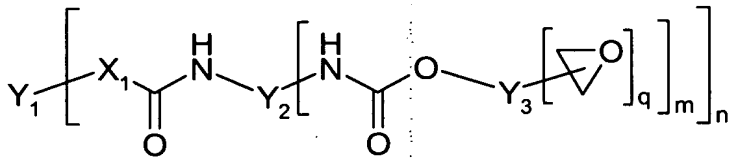
18. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one filler **E** is additionally present.

19. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in ~~claim 15, characterized in that~~claim 18, wherein the total proportion of the filler **E** is 5 - 30% by weight~~, preferably 10 - 25% by weight,~~ based on the weight of the total composition.

20. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one reactive diluent **F** carrying epoxide groups is additionally present.

21. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, after hardening, the composition has a low-temperature fracture energy, measured according to DIN 11343, of more than 10 J at 0°C. ~~and preferably more than 1.0 J at -40°C.~~

22. (Currently Amended) An impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups of the formula (I)



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23. (Currently Amended) The impact modifier ~~terminated by epoxide groups and~~ as claimed in claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymer on which Y_1 in formula (I) is based is an α,ω-polyalkylene glycol having C_2-C_6-alkylene ~~groups or~~groups or having mixed C_2-C_6-alkylene groups which is terminated by amino, thiol or~~, preferably,~~ hydroxyl groups.

24. (Currently Amended) The impact modifier ~~terminated by epoxide groups and~~ as claimed in claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the polymer on which Y_1 in formula (I) is based is a diol or triol having an OH equivalent weight of 600 - 6000 g/mol~~, in particular of 700 - 2200 g/OH equivalent~~.

25. (Currently Amended) A one-component thermally hardening epoxy resin adhesive comprising ~~The use of an~~the impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups ~~and as claimed~~as claimed in claim 22~~. in a one-component thermally hardening epoxy resin adhesive.~~

26. (Currently Amended) A two-component epoxy resin adhesive comprising ~~The use of an~~the impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups ~~and as claimed~~as claimed in claim 22~~. in a two-component epoxy resin adhesive.~~

27. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A one-component adhesive comprising ~~The use of a~~the composition as claimed in claim 1~~. as a one-component adhesive.~~

28. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~use~~ one-component adhesive as claimed in claim 27, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adhesive ~~is used for the adhesive bonding of~~ bonds heat-stable materials~~, in particular of metals~~.

29. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~use~~ one-component adhesive as claimed in claim 27, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the adhesive is ~~used as a~~an automotive body-shell construction adhesive~~. in automotive construction.~~

30. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for the adhesive bonding of heat-stable materials, ~~in particular of metals, characterized in that~~wherein these materials are brought into contact with a composition as claimed in claim 1 and comprises a hardening step at a temperature of 100 - 220°C~~, preferably 120 - 200°C~~.

31. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~method of claim 30, wherein the materials being brought into contact with ~~a composition comprising~~the composition comprise:

at least one epoxide adduct **A** having on average more than one epoxide group per molecule;

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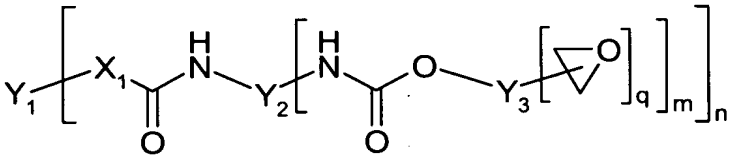

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at least one thixotropic agent **C** based on a urea derivative in a non-diffusing carrier material; and

at least one hardening agent **D** for epoxy resins which is activated by elevated temperature and the adhesively bonded materials being used at a temperature of from 100°C to -40°C~~, preferably from 80°C to -40°C, in particular from 50°C to -40°C~~.